

AFTER FOUR years of planning, organization, and experimenting with a difficult manufacturing technique, the local men who have been endeavoring to establish a synthetic board factory in Hope announced that the Plaswood company is in commercial production and shipped its first car of Plaswood board today.

It's a big moment in the history of Hope — in my opinion, the biggest. What has been set up here is a brand new industry, using the waste material from local sawmills and other wood processors to manufacture artificial wood panels — for which there is a demand far exceeding the combined capacity of existing factories.

The job has been done by men from Hope and the southwest Arkansas territory, ranging from Texarkana to Hot Springs, and Magnolia to Camden — using their own time and risking their own money.

This is a personal tribute to two of them, Guy E. Basye, Plaswood president; and W. W. (Bill) White, a director.

Both were among the organizers of the old Cobbwood industry, which bought land and buildings in the former southwestern Proving Ground military reservation from the Hope Development corporation, installed a huge new hydraulic press — and then were plagued by technical problems which prohibited them from getting into production with their original formula.

The press and other facilities are now proving their worth with the Plaswood formula — and so the Cobbwood organizers have come through with a major new industry for our town and region.

The initial payroll of 80 jobs doesn't tell the whole story. From this pilot plant may come an endless expansion — in a manufacturing line whose total output is far short of the market demand.

But it has taken years of sweat and anxiety, and thousands of dollars of risk capital, to accomplish this first successful step.

To the men of Plaswood are due the full thanks of our community and section — as fine a Christmas present as any city ever got. They had their own individual businesses — a livelihood they were sure of and comfortable in. There was no particular reason for them to step out and borrow trouble by risking their security in a new and unknown business.

No reason, that is, except the oldest reason on earth — a man's desire to take what seems to be a practical idea and turn it into a new industry to increase the number of jobs Americans work at and add to the total productive wealth of our nation.

The Star's congratulations to every one of you.

Pentecostal Church Play 7:45 Friday

The First Pentecostal Church will present a program "Why Christmas?" Friday, Dec. 22 at 7:45 p.m. There are four scenes with pantomime re-enactment of the Nativity in the last one.

This play consists of 25 characters. The continuity of the story is carried by an old man who is puzzled about Christianity and the purpose of Christmas. He sets out to learn about it by looking in on four different families, all of whom call themselves Christians.

It stresses the influence our actions each day may have over the lives of others, as well as the meaning of Christmas.

Lawrence F. Witherspoon Dies at L. R.

Lawrence F. Witherspoon, 56, of Little Rock, died unexpectedly late Wednesday while on a duck hunt near DeWitt.

Mr. Witherspoon operated a general contracting business in Little Rock.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Burnelle Bradley Witherspoon; and four sons, Lawrence, Gayle, Richard and John Witherspoon, of Little Rock.

Mr. Witherspoon was reared in Hope and was the son of the late Paul Witherspoon.

Funeral services will be at Drummond Funeral Home on Friday morning and short service and burial will be at Rose Hill cemetery, Hope, at 3:30 p.m.

Hope Auto Co. Distributes Christmas Bonus

Tom McLarty, manager of Hope Auto company, announced today that the annual Christmas bonuses were given to employees of the Hope Auto Company.

MONEY STOLEN
Pine Bluff, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Own Miller of Coy told police that someone yesterday stole \$800 from the glove compartment of his parked truck.

Hoover's Plan on Arms Stirs Up a Storm

Washington, Dec. 21 — (AP) — A new congressional battle loomed today over former President Hoover's proposals to shorten America's defense lines and arm the navy and air force "to the teeth" to defend the nation's Atlantic and Pacific frontiers.

Republican Senate Leader Wherry of Nebraska said Hoover's proposals "collide directly with those of President Truman and congress and the public must decide who is right."

Most Democratic party leaders avoided immediate comment but Senator Lehman (D-NY) said: "It appears to me to be a plea for a return to complete isolationism. If we followed President Hoover's suggestion, we would find ourselves isolated and without any friends in the world."

Senators of both parties agreed on one thing — that last night's broadcast proposals by the only living former President would echo in congress for some time to come.

Bluntly calling the United Nations-U. S. efforts in Korea a defeat, Mr. Hoover warned against "another Korea" in Western Europe if this country feeds men and money there before the European countries organize their own defense.

Only two days before, President Truman had pledged that more American forces soon would join the combined West European defense force now being set up under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. As Hoover spoke, Secretary of State Acheson was flying back from the Brussels conference which authorized

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Hadacol Xmas Party Friday at Saenger

The Hadacol Christmas party — admission one boxtop from a bottle of Hadacol — will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning, December 22, at Hope's Saenger theater.

Featuring the show will be: Santa Claus.

Hopalong Cassidy in his new picture "Silent Conflict".

And a prize of a new bicycle for the boy or girl who brings in the most boxtops.

Barred from the bicycle competition are the following persons: Owners, employees, and their immediate families, of Radio Station KXAR, newspapers, and all retail stores which sell Hadacol.

Supreme Court Justice Douglas Is on Duck Hunt

Ripley, Tenn., Dec. 21 — (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and his son, William Jr., were duck hunting at Open lake near here today.

They were with a party of friends from Nashville, Tenn., and Stuttgart, Ark.

Tonight Douglas and his son are to be guests at a dinner party at Little Rock.

Washington: A Strange City That Virtually Lives on Conflict, Reports Marlow

By JAMES MARLOW
Washington, Dec. 21 — (AP) — You get a feeling here sometimes: "I wish I could pass a miracle so everything would go smooth and easy for a change."

You know it never will quite. This town lives on conflicts. The country's conflicts are concentrated here. In fact, that's what it's here for.

It's a combination forum-stage-soapbox-and-back alley where the brickbats fly.

The earnest people and the windbags, the intellectuals and the crackpots. They all come here, with a cause or a grievance.

They make their pitch before a committee of congress or a government agency or they issue a statement.

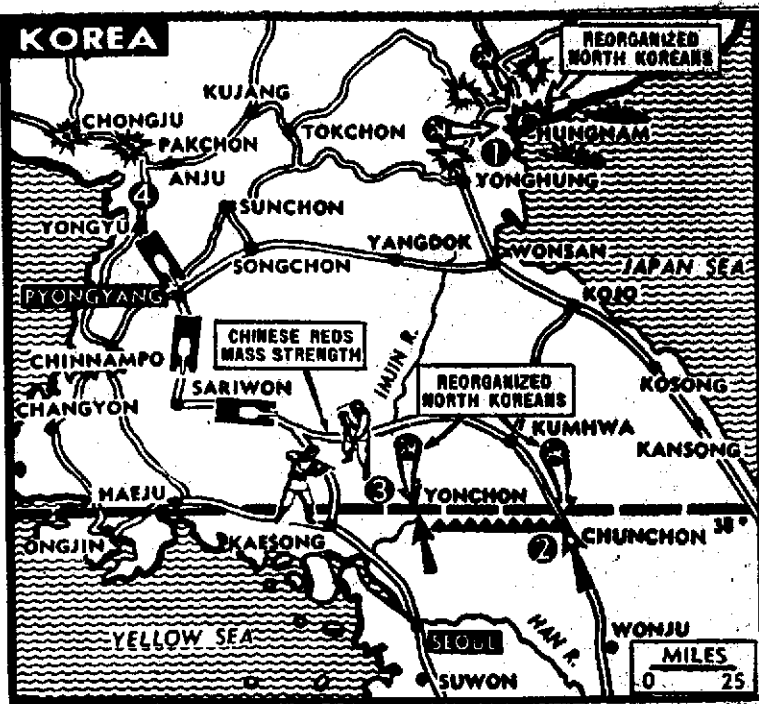
In congress and out the Democrats and Republicans beat one another over the skull. That's as normal as rain.

Businessmen and labor leaders come here to pull and tug or plug for something special.

Lawyers, doctors, merchants, Indian chiefs and plain citizens come here to protest, plead, urge, denounce, support or oppose.

Maybe all this rolls off your back in ordinary times if you live outside the capital and you're interested only in what concerns you directly.

But at this moment everything happening here involves everybody or soon will. Taxes, draft, arms



REDS BLASTED AT HUNGNAM — Terrific land, sea (ship symbols) and air (blast symbols) bombardment prevented enemy from mounting a full-scale assault against the UN defenders of Hungnam (1) in northeast Korea. Only units of the North Korean Army still were jabbing at the right flank of the pocket, embracing only the city and its five-mile waterfront. On the other side of Korea, small-scale fighting flared north of Chunchon (2) and south of Yongchon (3). Chinese Reds (soldier symbols) were laying back as Allied aircraft struck hard at Chongju and Pakchon on key supply routes, (4) from Manchuria. (NEA Telephoto)



GENERAL WU WISHES ALL 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' — General Wu Hsiu-chuan, right, head of Chinese Communist delegation to United Nations and Chiao Kuan-hua, left, a member of the delegation, talk with newsmen at New York City's airport as the delegation prepared to leave for China. The departing Reds announced that peace could be restored to the Far East only on Peking's terms, followed by wishing the American people, "A Merry Christmas and best regards on the New Year." (NEA Telephoto)

Fortify the West, Says Hoover

New York, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Former President Herbert Hoover urged the nation last night to concentrate on fortifying the western hemisphere as a "gibraltar."

He called on his fellow-countrymen to "arm to the teeth" to hold the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, with the island outposts of Britain, Japan, Formosa and the Philippines.

Mr. Hoover, speaking on radio and television said it would be "sheer folly" to engage in land war with Communist hordes in

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Korean Beach Quiet After Reds' Repulse

Tokyo, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The Hungnam beachhead lay quiet today after Allied land-sea-air barges mowed down and rolled back the Reds' most menacing attack on the perimeter.

Frozen bodies of Chinese and white-robed Korean Reds littered the snow-cruised east flank of the United Nations defense ring where the attack was made.

Communist survivors apparently were numbered to a standstill by the fury of "round-the-clock bombardment Wednesday by Allied warships, planes and land artillery.

Field dispatches reported the shattered survivors were thrown back from the point of gravest peril to the Allied forces holding their last sliver of Northeast Korea around Hungnam on the sea of Japan shore.

Quiet also was reported on the western Korean front.

General MacArthur's headquarters reported the Chinese had suffered heavy losses at a ratio of 10 to 1 — during the darkest days of the Allied retreats from most of North Korea, Nov. 27 to Dec. 12.

The United Nations commander reported U. N. casualties in the Nov. 27-Dec. 12 period at 12,325, not including those suffered by Republic of Korea (ROK) forces. All of the Allied killed, wounded and missing during the two-week period were American except 1011 from other U. N. forces.

Before that period, the defense department in Washington had listed American casualties in Korea at 31,028 through Nov. 24, including 5,307 dead.

The Chinese beachhead in great force for days but it was apparent that the battling retreat of U. S. marines and 10th corps doughboys farther north had badly crippled an estimated 10 Red divisions.

Red efforts to reorganize their forces were progressing slowly — too slowly to hamper the planned withdrawal of American forces on the Hungnam beach, U. S. losses there are reported extremely small considering the action involved.

AP Correspondents Tom Lambert and Stan Swinton, in the beachhead, reported enemy inactivity on the Hungnam perimeter had field commanders worried, although they said they were certain that steady pounding by warplanes, field artillery and big naval guns had hurt the Reds badly.

Allies Begin Coaxing Reich to Co-operate

Bonn, Germany, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The Western Allies today embark on the laborious task of coaxing troops from a West Germany united in demanding "full equality" with the West or no rearmament.

Cognizant of a golden opportunity for diplomatic horsetrading, the Germans begin talks with the three Allied high commissioners determined to wring sizable concessions for any participation in the international defense force headed by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

The North Atlantic pact nations — which do not include West Germany — decided at their Brussels meeting Monday that 150,000 German soldiers were wanted for the European army they plan to raise to 1,000,000 men in two years.

But West German political leaders and newspapers have served notice they will have none of it unless:

1. Their nation is accepted as an equal partner by its one-time conquerors.

2. German troop units are not significantly restricted in size or composition of command staffs unless such restrictions apply to all member nations.

3. West Germany's status as an occupied enemy nation is scrapped and the republic given full political independence.

Entrusted with the job of arguing the Bonn government into joining up are the high commissioners of the occupying powers, John J. McCloy of the United States, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick of Britain, and Andre Francois-Poncet of France.

"They were authorized by the Big Three Western foreign ministers to 'explore the problem' of German defense contribution 'as well as any changes in the present occupation arrangements which might logically attend' it."

"We will sum up the result of these exchanges and submit them, in due course, to our governments," the French high commissioner, explained.

France, a key member of the continental Atlantic pact, is still almost as fearful of a revival of German militarism as she is of the Soviet union. The French especially want to avoid formation of a new German general staff and the use of German units exceeding brigade strength of 1,000 to 8,000 men.

The starting proposal of the high commissioners to Bonn is expected to be one allowing German combat teams of 5,000 to 6,000 men each while prohibiting a German general staff or war ministry.

68 Deer Shot in Season in Hempstead

Hempstead county deer-hunters killed a total of 68 in the 1950 season, Game Warden E. J. Barham reported today. The deer had been released in this area by the State Game and Fish Commission in 1949. This was the second season.

Mr. Barham said 22 deer were shot in the area between McNab, Grassy Lake and Columbus. A total of 34 were accounted for in the region of Sheppard, Sprudell, Belle Springs and Bois d'Arc creek.

One deer was killed on Bodew creek four miles west of Patmos. Eleven were shot in northeast Hempstead county, according to Lester Wade.

Here is the list of successful hunters in the December period, with the number of points per buck, as compiled by Hempstead County Game Warden Barham:

- Edd Wilson, Fulton, 7 pb.
- Bobby Ray Rosenbaum, Fulton, (15-yr. old boy) 4 pb.
- James Herbert Bristow, Fulton, (15-yr. old boy) 4 pb.
- Ross Bright, Hope, 9 pb.
- C. E. Winemiller, Hope, 8 pb.
- Edward Smith, Patmos, 8 pb.
- K. G. Moman, Hope, 8 pb.
- K. M. Bristow, Fulton, 8 pb.
- Claude Hinton, Hope, 7 pb.
- P. F. Campbell, Hope, 6 pb.
- Robt. Martin, Spring Hill, 4 pb.
- Kenneth Vann, Spring Hill, 11 pb.
- Guy Green, Ozan, 8 pb.
- Willard Mathews, Ozan, 8 pb.
- Floyd Wilson, Columbus, 9 pb.
- Jack Barry, Locksburg, 14 pb.
- Ray Gilbert, Columbus, 11 pb.
- John Griffith, Columbus, 8 pb.
- Buddie Wilson, Columbus, 8 pb.
- Cornell Crofton, Min. Spgs., 10 pb.
- Newt Rosenbaum, Fulton, 8 pb.
- Huron Light, Hope, 4 pb.

Exchanges to be Closed Christmas All Over U. S. A.

New York, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Financial and commodity exchanges throughout the United States will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23 and Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Various livestock reports will be issued as usual on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Josef Stalin Is Hailed by Cries of 'Great Genius' on This — His 71st Birthday

By The Associated Press

Today is Joseph Stalin's birthday — he's 71 — and while his controlled press at home once again hailed him in extravagant prose, Communists in the ring of states around Russia pulled out all the stops at attempting to outdo each other in praising him.

In Moscow, East Berlin, Prague, Sofia, Bucharest, Budapest and Warsaw the Communist press chorused praised of the man in the Kremlin in praises like these:

"Greatest scientist of our time."

"Leader of the world peace

camp."

"Defender of the worker."

"Great genius Stalin."

Express train service between Prague and Berlin was begun under banners reading: "Greetings to the Great Stalin."

Other worldly matters in the press of the Communist states were pushed into the back ground even the denunciations of the West. The Soviet army newspaper in Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, published a sharp editorial on the results of the Brussels conference, but it was relegated to an obscure position.

20 Billions for Planes, Tanks, Bombs

Washington, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Speedy approval of another \$20,000,000,000 in emergency defense funds was expected in the senate today.

Most of the funds will go for more airplanes, tanks, ships, atomic bombs and manpower in the fighting forces — all asked by President Truman since the Chinese Communists surged into Korea.

The house, meanwhile, was expected to override Republican opposition today and vote Mr. Truman the additional powers he wants to speed the preparedness program. GOP objections put a brake on this legislation in the senate.

In a home-for-Christmas drive, the house passed yesterday, and sent to the senate two other measures on the President's "must" list:

1. A bill setting up a nationwide civil defense system to deal with a possible atomic attack. This program is expected to cost \$3,100,000,000 in federal and state funds over the next three years.

2. A \$1,600,000,000 military public works authorization, much of it for top-secret purposes.

Senator McKellar (D-Tenn) veteran chairman of the appropriations committee said:

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Negro Hurt as Car and Truck Hit on U. S. 67

A 1942 Cadillac sedan driven by Dr. W. Addison, Jr., Shreveport, and an auto transit truck driven by Harold Ratanel, West Frankfort, Ill., and owned by Complete Auto Transit, Inc., St. Louis, collided on Highway 67 four miles west of Hope yesterday afternoon around 5 o'clock.

Willie Lanson, 66-year-old negro, an occupant of the sedan, was seriously injured. He has been taken to a Shreveport hospital.

The transport, which was traveling west, pulled from behind another car earlier that President Truman would call off plans to meet the plane because of the late hour.

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What Happens to Refugees Streaming South Before the Chinese? A Tale of Despair

By WILLIAM BARNARD

(For Hal Boyle)

Seoul — (AP) — How many can finish the journey?

That's the question an American asks as he watches the thousands of refugees streaming southward from the apprehensive Korean capital.

The question does not apply to the lucky ones, those who cling to swarms to railroad flatcars or huddle in silent mounds of humanity on the backs of jolting trucks.

But what of the great majority — pitiful families on foot, pulling their little cars or toting their belongings on their backs over icy mountain roads in zero weather. In their faces you find nothing.

Nothing — neither hope nor despair. In their eyes there is no pain. There are no complaints.

In flight from the forces of communism, these people trudge steadily across frozen snowy fields, avoiding the heavily traveled roads whenever possible.

You never see a child cry or smile or laugh. You never hear any chatter or conversation among families. You wonder if perhaps things were different far back up the road. You wonder if this bitter trek has finally squeezed from these stricken people every last bit of feeling except a blind determination to keep going.

There is no rest by day, and

Acheson Home With Details of Arms Pact

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

Washington, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson returned from his shortest and most decisive mission to Europe today to face a stiff new Republican challenge to his policy of European rearmament as well as his continuance in office.

Flying about 15 hours behind schedule because of bad weather, Acheson landed at Washington's National airport at 3:13 a.m. ET. He had left here only last Sunday and in the intervening three days had:

1. Agreed, as American representative on the North Atlantic treaty council, meeting at Brussels, to creation of a 1,000,000-man international European defense army which will include both American and German units; under General Dwight Eisenhower's command.

2. Worked with British Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman, a final draft of a note to Russia, expressing readiness for a big-four meeting to discuss East-West differences on a wide range of issues.

Asked by newsmen at the airport if he thought the accomplishments at the meeting had contributed to world peace, Acheson replied:

"This is the only way we can possibly do it." He added that he thought the conference was "very successful."

H. Freeman Matthews, deputy undersecretary of state for political affairs met the secretary at the airport. The White House had announced earlier that President Truman would call off plans to meet the plane because of the late hour.

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Mrs. Caraway, Ex-Senator Dies at 72

Washington, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway, 72, of Arkansas, first woman ever elected to the United States senate, died today at White Hall sanitarium at Falls Church Va.

Plaswood Co. Opens Here, Employing 80

The Southern Plaswood plant located several miles from Hope in the industrial area formerly known as "Southwestern Ground," is shipping today a carload of standard Plywood boards made from wood waste.

The waste is first ground to proper size, then relieved of its content and finally with a synthetic resin produced by the corporation.

This plant is the first of its kind in the United States to produce a standard size Plywood board.

It is a plant which came into existence about a year ago. However, the Hope plant has many improvements in its layout and will shortly be out approximately 75,000 day.

Plaswood will be producing a wide range of products which will be an insulating thing board for use in construction. It has about the same nail-holding power as there will also be produced panels of sufficient strength to serve many of the purposes of fireproofed concrete. Another product which will be available is a core stock for use in furniture production as well as for the wood.

The plaswood process produces products which have been tested over a long period resulting in a very heavy so that wood waste will be a very substantial plant here will produce a multiple of what was estimated that approximately 100,000 men will be employed.

The Plaswood company is a new business created by the Cobbwood organization. It is a new business created by the Cobbwood organization. It is a new business created by the Cobbwood organization.

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Full-Scale Probe of Chicago Gambling Ring

Chicago, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Senate crime committee in Chicago have launched a full-scale investigation of a multi-million dollar gambling racket.

The probe, states attorneys, is the first of the far-flung operations, already has in jail five of the alleged bling figures. All testified the committee's three day public hearings which close night.

A sixth witness, Ralph A. former official of a racing service, was under federalment for refusing to answer questions. Federal agents hunted him after the bills, containing 17 counts, turned.

Although many witnesses moved were not called, Kefauver said, search continued for them and other missing big names. They have been making usual hints for several attempts to escape with a committee subpoena.

The committee's next will open Dec. 28 in Kefauver said he hoped committee will hold hearings on 10 other cities in its investigation of the gambling racket.

Kefauver said that evidence produced at the hearings "should be local authorities to test of their own."

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SANTA SALES

Prescriptions for Christmas

SOCIETY

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Thursday, December 21

Brownie Troop No. 1, under the leadership of Mrs. Manuel Hamn, will have a Christmas party at the Little House at 8 p.m. Hostesses will be, Carol Joy Case, Cheryl Dell Case, Suzanne Summer-ville, Nancy Trickey and Sherry Hankins.

The Friday Music Club will have a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. at the Hope Country Club. Gifts will be exchanged. Members of the music club who are also members of the Country Club will be hostesses.

Hope Chapter 328, Order of the

Eastern Star, will have an initiation and Christmas party at 7:30 p. m. Gifts will be exchanged.

Friday, December 22

Invitations have been issued to members of Jr. and Sr. Classes in High School and college students who will be the guests of Hope Country Club Friday night—Hostesses are Mrs. Sid McMath, Mrs. Geo. Newbern and Mrs. Katherine Howard.

Saturday, December 23

Mrs. Louis Howard will honor Miss Dorothy Henry, bride-elect of Roger Dew, with a breakfast at the Barlow at 9 a.m.

Miss Mary Carolyn Andrews, bride-elect of Frank Gregg, will be complimented with a breakfast at the Hotel Barlow at 9. Hostesses will be Mrs. William Routon and Mrs. F. B. Ward.

Girl Scout troop No. 8, under the leadership of Mrs. John Yocum and Mrs. J. D. McMurry, will have their Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. at the Little House. Gifts will be exchanged.

Sunday, December 24

Invitations have been issued by Miss Alice Lile, Mrs. L. M. Lile, and Mrs. Robert Singleton to breakfast at the Barlow Hotel at 9 honoring Miss Mary Carolyn Andrews.

Monday, December 25

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Black, Patmos, will celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day. The couple was married on December 25, 1900. Visitors are invited to call between 3 p. m. and 6.

Paisley Scout Troop Has Party

The Paisley Girl Scout troop had a Christmas party at the Little House Monday, December 18. The troop first decorated the beautiful Christmas tree after which gifts were exchanged. Carols and games were also enjoyed. Delightful refreshments were served to 11 members and their mothers.

The Paisley girl scouts met Wednesday, December 20 at the home of Mrs. Ed Percell to complete

2 Arkansas Dead on New Casualty List

Washington, Dec. 20 — (UP) — The defense department today announced the following Arkansas casualties in the Korean area:

Killed in Action
Army:
Lieut.-Col. George W. Connaughton, husband of Mrs. Arlys E. Connaughton, 1211 West 33rd st., Little Rock.

Marine corps:
Pfc. John T. Compton son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Compton, general delivery, Eleven Point.

Died of Wounds
Army:
Pfc. Ernest J. Gordon son of Mrs. Mary L. Cheney, 1403 1-2 Bishop st., Little Rock.

Wounded
Army:
Sgt. I-C Dale Barnes, son of Mrs. Mary A. Barnes, DeQueen. (Notification made at 507 Draughn st., Texarkana.)

2nd. Lieut. Raymond T. Carrio, Jr., husband of Mrs. Stella Carrio, 807 S. 21st st. Fort Smith.

Pvt. Joe Carter, Jr. son of Mrs. Lillie M. Meadows 82 Northwest avenue, El Dorado.

Cpl. Dunne E. Davis, son of Malvern Davis, Rt. 1 Eureka Springs.

Pfc. Bill P. Sullivan son of Mrs. Bell Van Bibber, General Delivery, Gillett.

Marine corps:
Cpl. Richard C. Brains, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verlin B. Brains, Rt. 4, Box 217 North Little Rock.

Cpl. John T. Deviney son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Deviney, Rt. 1, Box 105-C North Little Rock.

Injured
Army:
Pfc. Preston Baines, son of Mrs. Zeola Baines, Monticello.

Cpl. Ralph F. Foster, son of Mrs. Dora English, Ozark.

Cpl. Henry R. Jones, son of Henry Y. Jones, Rt. 1, Box 4 Fouke.

ARKANSAS INJURED

Wells, Nev., Dec. 11 —(UP) — Seaman C. H. Glover, 24 of Little Rock Ark was injured yesterday when an automobile in which he was going home for Christmas crashed into an underpass wall.

One of his companions Pvt. Charles S. Johnson, Jr., of Towanda, Pa. was injured and two other seamen were injured. They left San Francisco Tuesday by car.

It is now possible to contact 80 countries by telephone from almost any place in the U. S., the trans-oceanic telephone circuits on short waves making this practicable.

their Christmas gifts which they are making.

President, Mary Ann Hall, read the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke. Jo Ann Roberts was hostess at this interesting meeting which closed with the Girl Scout Promise.

On Dec. 11, 1950 the DeRoan Home Demonstration Club celebrated the Yule season with a party in lieu of the regular monthly business meeting, at the home of Mrs. Lorraine Blackwood.

Nineteen members and three guests were served refreshments by members of the club. The party was highlighted by the singing of Christmas Carols and exchanging of gifts between members of the club.

The club extends the Season's Greetings to everyone.

Miss Lile's Art Students Have Tea
Steve Crain, Ann Cole, Ginger Wallis, Mary Margaret Daniels and Mary Rains Lewis, art students of Miss Alice Lile, entertained their parents and friends with a tea Wednesday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 4 at Miss Lile's apartment on South Main St.

Miss Barbara LaGrone served tea to the guests who were invited into the living room, attractively decorated for Christmas, by the students. On display there was the work that they had done during the past months.

Fifty guests called during the appointed hours.

Mrs. Otis Blackwood Entertains Class

Mrs. Otis Blackwood, Fulton, entertained her Sunday school class with a dinner at Cox's Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. The table was attractively centered with decorations in the Christmas motif.

After dinner the guests were invited to the Blackwood home in Fulton. There Christmas gifts were exchanged from a beautifully lighted tree. Mrs. Jack Brown entertained the group with Christmas selections on the piano and Miss Eleanor Seymour gave a story in keeping with the holiday season. Seventeen guests enjoyed the occasion.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stewart and children, Susan and Brenda, are the holiday guests of Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ched Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Idus Murphee, New York, will arrive tonight for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trimble.

Hospital Notes

Josephine
Admitted: Miss Jo Ann Jones, Hope.
Discharged: Mrs. C. B. Chambliss, Hope.

Branch
Admitted: James Ray Hollis, Hope.

Thanks a Million — —

for the wonderful business you have given us while we have been in Hope. We appreciate it more than you will ever know, and it has been a pleasure to serve you.

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If you want something that is sure to please her we have lots of pretty gifts that she wants for Christmas. Come in and see just what we have, and we will be happy to help you make your selections.

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Hope — El Dorado



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You have to feel for yourself the

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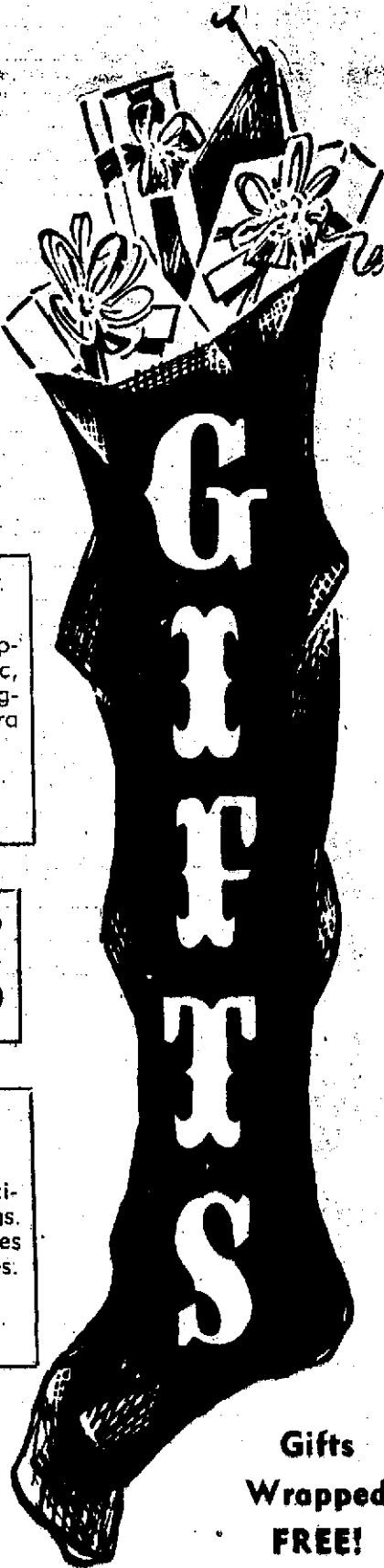
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Washington, Dec. 20 — (U.P.)—Edward J. Thye, R. Minn., today has demanded an investigation of alleged discrimination against a Minnesota Negro deserter at Camp Rucker.

Thye said the charges were made by Stanley Stone of Minneapolis.

Thye said he definitely feel that if Mr. Stone's statements are true, they should be investigated thoroughly

and the conditions corrected," Thye said.

Stone, he explained, had written a letter to his mother who had turned it over to the Hennepin county draft board. It was forwarded to the senator by the state selective service administration.

In the letter, Thye reported, Stone said that he had been put on a work gang and given no opportunities for specialized training. Nevertheless, Thye said, Stone has an excellent educational background and is well qualified for technical work.

In addition, Thye continued, Stone said he was barred from nearby community recreation.

"If a man is good enough to wear a United States uniform, he is good enough to merit the same



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THERE was a lot of conversation, subdued at first, but growing louder, mostly about the fact that the raise in hourly pay had not been mentioned by any of the speakers at the mass meeting. One group discussed it more emphatically than the others and the crowd began to collect there. In the center of the malcontents was Max Lengel.

"Where do the brass hats get the idea that a pin to wear on your overalls would take the place of money?" he asked, and waited for a low growl from his friends to meet a deadline if they don't get anything out of it.

"If we strike the government will take over the yards," pointed out one of the older hands.

"Who said anything about a strike?" said Max. "There's a better way and we all know what it is. All we got to do is turn out a little less instead of a little more. They'll get the idea quick enough."

He laughed.

"You mean a slowdown?"

Max shrugged. "It don't matter what you call it. We can show them guys in the swivel chairs that we ain't in this for our health any more than they are. They get theirs, don't they? You've heard about cost plus 10 per cent, haven't you?"

Fergus Mahoney, editor of the Westwaygo News, was still in the crowd and, like everyone else, he had been attracted to the group around Max. His son, Oscar, one of Eddie's squad, was with him. Fergus was an important man in the community, and he took a hand in the discussion.

"Listen here, my friends," he said in an authoritative tone, "you mustn't do anything hasty."

"We won't," said Max. "That's the whole idea. We'll do everything slow." He guffawed at his

own joke and so did most of the others.

Fergus let them laugh. "What I meant was do not do anything which will besmear the record of the Westwaygo Bookworks. We're all Americans—we're all patriots."

He went on from there, the flag fluttering helplessly ashamed in his waving hands.

"Why does everyone talk like that?" Kirsten Peterson asked Margie Lou and the women who were near her. "Why does he say we are patriots when almost we are traitors? Is everybody afraid? Why doesn't someone tell the truth?" She looked around piteously as if for help.

Carl stood right behind her but he could do nothing for her.

"The only one who could tell these phonies where to head in," said Joe cynically, "is somebody who had nothing to lose."

"My wife has nothing to lose," said Carl simply. "Time has already slipped a little in her fingers."

"You mean you don't mind if she gets hurt?"

"No. She wouldn't mind if she could help."

"Okay, Carl. Here she goes! Come on, you G.I.'s, gather ye 'round."

Kirsten didn't know quite why she climbed up on the platform recently vacated by the visiting admiral and his hosts. Neither did she know that surrounding her were many unseen uniformed fighting men.

The working crew didn't pay any attention to her at first. They were too busy building up their private petty grievance.

But when Kirsten said "Attention!" in a voice that was no less compelling than the cry of a Valkyrie, everyone sputtered down and turned to her.

Kirsten was in her work clothes,

blonde hair under a bun, and on the platform above the crowd she lowered huge and cold and lovely, like a statue of Minerva. She might have been the queen-head on a ship, outward bound, facing relentlessly forward.

"What?" she said in a voice that still rang as if there were a symphonic orchestra under it. "What are you Americans thinking of? How can we slow down as long as there is a single prisoner in the hands of the enemy? Haven't you heard what happened and what is still happening to the men who fought the battle of Bataan? We can't slow down. Instead we must hurry, faster and faster! Those prisoners are dying while we talk about how much work we will do for a dollar."

Kirsten paused. Her audience stirred uneasily. Max spoke. "Girly, you don't know what you're talking about. Pipe down."

KIRSTEN paid no attention to Max. "I know that most of you feel the same way I do—you only wish there was more you could do in the 24 hours of every single day. But just a few people talk about getting more money or else they will work less. And we listen! That's the terrible thing to do. We listen! And they make so much talk—those few people—that we begin to feel that everybody is thinking the same way. The soldiers, wherever they are, hear about such talk and they think we are all like that. It makes them sit and wait, afraid that when they come home they will hate even their own people. And all because we let a few lazy and greedy people say things for us that we do not really mean."

"Shut her up! She's nuts. All we want is four cents more per hour."

Kirsten raised her voice. "When somebody is going to stick a bayonet in you, is it a good time to ask how much you'll get per hour for trying to stop him?"

Old hands who, under ordinary conditions, were shyly silent and retiring, began to get their danger up. A lot of the workers pushed nearer to the platform where Kirsten was standing.

(To Be Continued)

Senate Calls Up Excess Profits Tax

Washington, Dec. 20 — (U.P.)—The senate called up the multi-billion dollar excess profits tax for debate today amid predictions that more big tax boosts are coming very soon.

Leaders pressed for a senate vote on the measure tomorrow, confident of getting senate-house agreement on its terms before New Year's and possibly before Christmas.

The house already has passed a considerably different version of the bill.

The senate finance committee in a report to congress estimated the measure in its present form could produce between \$4,000,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000 a year with defense spending at the level expected in 1951.

That would be for a full fiscal year. For the 1950 calendar year the committee estimated the tax would raise \$3,200,000,000 through retroactive features which would impose much of the tax on corporate earnings since last July 1. The committee added:

"Further substantial increases in taxes must be made next year if receipts are even to approach the anticipated levels of expenditures."

President Truman also has said the tax load must become heavier. The excess profits tax bill marks a second round of 1950 tax boosts to help finance mounting defense costs and to discourage inflation. Congress in September voted a \$4,500,000,000 hike in the taxes of corporations and individual income tax payers.

The new bill, aimed only at corporations, proposes a 75 per cent levy on earnings that exceed 85 per cent of the average for the best three years from 1946 through 1949. It also would boost corporation surtaxes from 20 to 22 per cent. Not all firms would be hit by both.

Seoul Is 'Impregnable,' Says Rhee

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 20 — (U.P.)—President Syngman Rhee said today "Seoul's defense was 'impregnable'" and that the 500,000 United Nations troops now in Korea would drive the Communist invaders back to the Manchurian border.

Rhee, who opened the third national assembly, in the Second National Assembly, said that a new South Korean army of 4,000,000 men would be drafted "within a few months."

"I believe the situation is better now than on June 25 (when South Korea was invaded by North Korean troops) because we now have a 300,000-man U. N. army in addition to the now world-famed 2,000,000-man Republic of Korea army," Rhee said. "We have never had so strong a national defense in our history."

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| Loin End Pork Roast | 1-lb. | 49c |
| Smoked Hams 12-lbs. up, Whole | 1-lb. | 59c |
| Smoked Hams 12-lbs. up, Butt or Shank Half | 1-lb. | 61c |
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| Spiced Peaches Eveready | No. 2 1/2 | 29c |
| A&P Fruits for Salad | No. 1 | 31c |
| Dole Pineapple Tidbits | No. 1 | 33c |
| Dole Crushed Pineapple | No. 1 | 27c |
| A&P Asparagus All Green Spears | No. 1 | 49c |
| Whole Green Beans Sultana | No. 1 | 24c |
| A&P Corn Golden Cream Style | No. 303 | 16c |
| Niblets Corn Whole Kernel | 12-oz. | 17c |
| Del Monte Peas Early Garden | No. 303 | 21c |
| Hunt's Tomato Sauce | 8-oz. | 7c |
| Condensed Milk White House | 14-oz. | 22c |

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| Winesap Apples | 2 lbs. | 25c |
| Red Delicious Apples | 2 lbs. | 25c |
| Texas Oranges | 8-lb. Bag | 45c |
| Fresh Grapefruit | 8-lb. Bag | 45c |
| Crisp Pascal Celery | Stalk | 19¢ |
| East Texas Yams | 2 lbs. | 15c |
| Emperor Grapes | 1-lb. | 15c |
| Fresh Yellow Onions | 1-lb. | 4c |
| Russet Potatoes | 10-lb. Bag | 45c |

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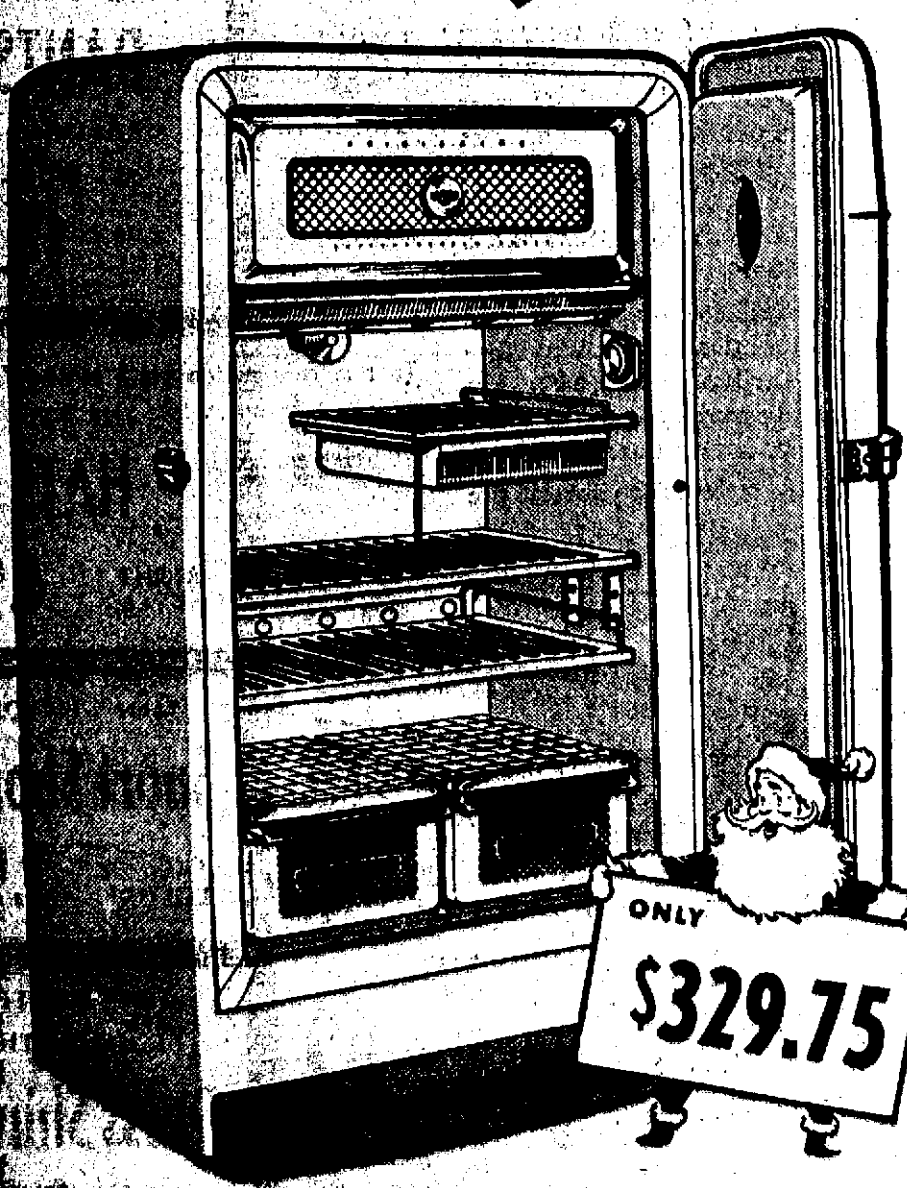
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Remington on Trial for Perjury

New York, Dec. 20 — (AP) — William W. Remington, former U. S. commerce department economist, was called to trial today before a federal jury that must decide whether he ever belonged to the Communist party.

The decision will determine the verdict against the 33-year-old Remington, who is charged with committing perjury before a federal grand jury when he denied membership in the Communist party.

The government contends he was a party member between 1934 and 1944.

Remington maintains he never has had any connection with the Communist party.

The jury that will decide who is telling the truth will be selected from a panel of 100. The others were excused Monday after they said they would not be able to spend as much as a month at the trial.

Federal Judge Gregory F. Noonan will preside. U. S. Attorney Irving H. Saypol will be assisted in the trial by Thomas J. Donegan, special assistant attorney general and Roy M. Cohen.

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Bank Teller's Flight Halted by the FBI

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20 — (AP) — The FBI has spiked a Miami bank teller's dream of having a night club of his very own.

Don Hostetter, special agent in charge of the federal office here, said Ramon Irwin, 20, would face charges of embezzlement today.

Irwin was arrested here late Monday night. He had \$26,873.15 in his possession. The FBI said it was all that was left of \$30,573 taken from Miami's First National Bank.

Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Leslie A. Nicholson yesterday, Irwin was charged with embezzlement and placed under \$30,000 bond. A preliminary hearing will be held Friday.

Irwin told us he took the money with the intention of going to some western city and starting a night club of his own. Hostetter said. "He said he hadn't decided on which city — just some place out west."

In Birmingham, Mrs. G. W. Overby, Irwin's mother, said she would head for Memphis today. She said her son's arrest "almost broke my heart."

"He used to be a little rough, but he never did anything really bad," she said.

The FBI report said Irwin took the money in a paper sack when he left the bank at the close of business Friday. The theft was not discovered until Monday when the bank reopened.

Irwin was arrested 11 hours later at the home of a sister here, Mrs. James L. Christy, where he was paying a surprise visit. She said he "looked like a little sheep killing dog" when federal men closed in on him.

The FBI said Irwin boarded a plane Friday and flew to New Orleans, where he bought a car, a diamond ring, a wristwatch and took in a few night clubs. He drove to Memphis.

Irwin said he posed as 24 years of age in order to get his bank job whereas he was really only 20. The FBI said his birth record backed his statement.

Chicago Policy Racket Gross 60 Millions

Chicago, Dec. 20 — (AP) — Operations of Chicago's biggest policy wheels, which each year take an estimated \$60,000,000 in bets ranging upward from a dime were told to the U. S. senate crime committee last night.

The huge income and big profits from the wheels — numbers racket — were disclosed as committee investigators questioned two of the so-called policy kings of the south side Negro district.

Both men — Edward P. Jones, 53, and Theodore Roe — were seized by state's attorney's police after their testimony, which came near the end of last night's public hearing.

State's Attorney John S. Boyle early today ordered the two locked up pending filing of gambling charges. He said he planned to present the case to the grand jury in January.

Jones and Roe are partners in the Main-Idaho-Ohio wheel, one of the city's biggest. There are six or seven wheels of comparable size and a dozen or so smaller ones, Roe told the committee. He said his wheel takes in about \$2000 on two drawings a day; a total of \$8,760,000 a year.

Jones said he is a one-fifth partner in the wheel "participating in the profits." His profits in 1948, he said, were \$200,000. Other partners are his mother, a brother, Roe and Cliff Davis. Jones a former railroad porter who now operates an automobile agency in Mexico City told how he and his two brothers started a policy wheel some 20 years ago.

Jones also told of being kidnaped in 1946 and released after payment of \$100,000. Later he went to Mexico City where he has lived since.

Roe, under questioning of committee investigators, described the south side policy racket, with

games and places and told in detail the operations of the wheels.

He estimated that 80 per cent of the residents of the Negro wards play policy. He said there is no limit on the amount of an individual bet but that the average bet is 25 cents, with more dime bets than anything else.

In earlier testimony at the committee's second day sessions, it was brought out that Edward McBride, a University of Miami law student who owns a nationwide racing service, netted a profit of more than \$800,000 last year.

The committee was told that McBride's profit was the share of the gross income of \$2,353,000 of continental press. The testimony was by McBride's uncle, Thomas F. Kelly general manager, who said he gets \$400 a week for his serv-

Larger Cotton Crop Requires Guarantee

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20 — (AP) — The beltwide cotton producers committee wants federal guarantee planters won't lose their shirts by doubling their crops next year.

The committee voted yesterday to ask Agriculture Secretary Brannan to call a public meeting in Washington to check cotton's financial future — especially in regard

ices and also got more than \$100,000 in a share of the 1949 profits.

to the present 80 per cent of parity support price.

Cotton prices are high now, the committee said, but will they stay that way, and delegates said the parity method of supports would not cover planters if their extensively grown cotton was surplus in '51.

J. C. Wilson of Pecos, Texas, said cotton grown for next year will be planted, cultivated and harvested under increasing costs for labor, machinery and insecticides.

Wilson, vice chairman of the committee and president of the five-states cotton growers association, said the conference didn't draw up recommendations to place before Brannan. But he said he thought another method of price supports would have to be adopted.

The government has insured 16,000,000 bales of cotton.

Insurance on cotton is a controversial issue. A special labor committee headed by J. C. Behrman, D-Miss., obtained approval of a bill asking for a white yard system of Mexican cotton.

The system permits a laborer to pick cotton for a fixed wage, but the government would own the cotton.

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APPLES JONATHANS **5 Lb. Bag 49c** **RED DELICIOUS** Lb. **15c**

CREAM CORN **2 No. 303 Cans 29c**
Avondale Brand, White or Yellow.

PIE CHERRIES **2 No. 2 Cans 43c**
Kroger Brand, Red, Sour, Pitted. Makes Delicious Pies.

CHRISTMAS CANDY

Chocolate Drops lb. **29c** **Xmas Stockings** 5oz size **19c**

Sparkle Mix lb. **25c** **Cream Toys** 14 oz. pkg. **29c**
Hard Christmas Candy Kroger's.

COCOANUT Griffin's, Long fancy shreds. **lb. 45c**

PURE LARD Capital Pride Brand 50 lb. pail 9.25 **25 lb. 4.73**

FANCY SMALL PEAS Kroger's, Sweet Tender Peas. **No. 303 Can 27c**

KROGER GELATINS And Puddings. All Flavors. **4 Pkgs. 19c**

SPOTLIGHT COFFEE Kroger's Hot Dated. 3 lb. bag . . . 2.19 **Lb. 75c**

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RIGHT
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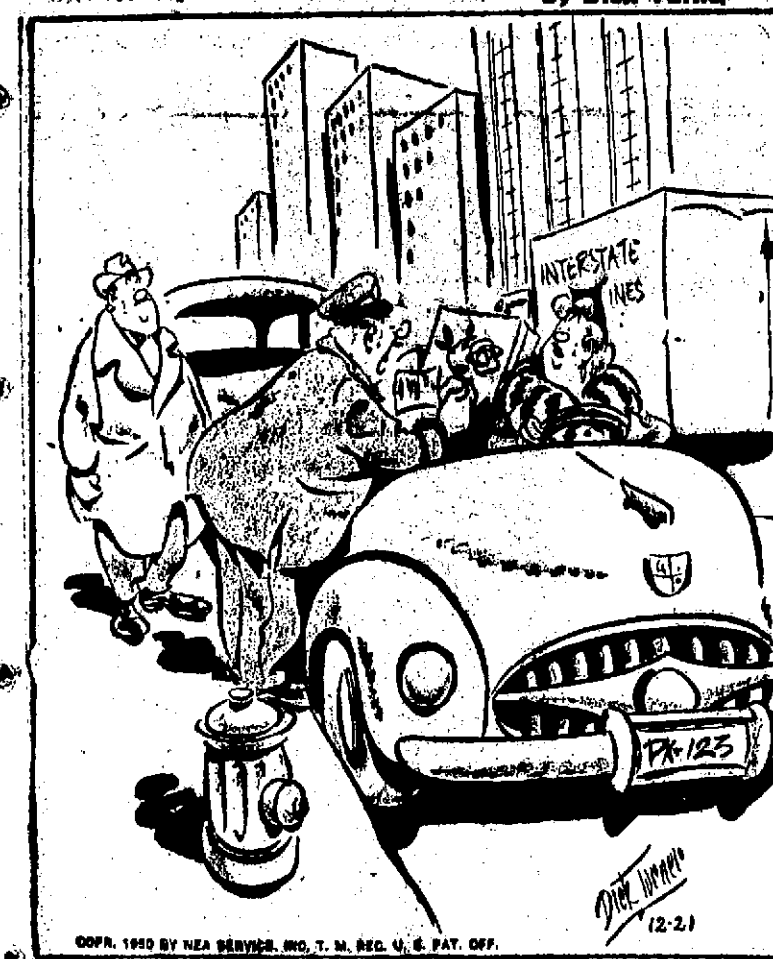
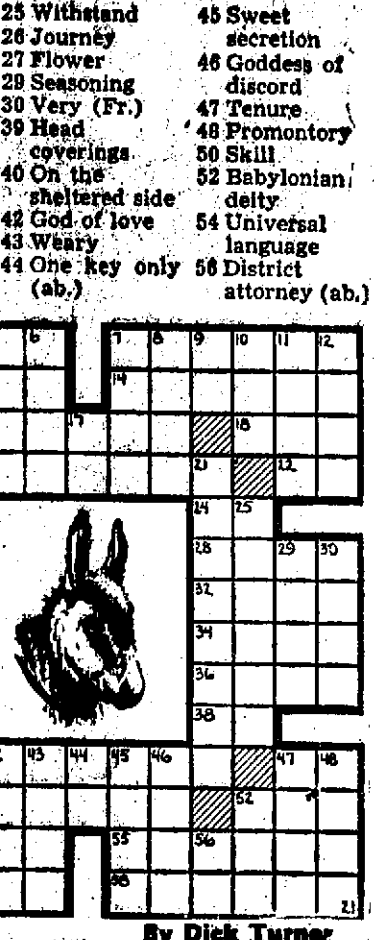
LONDON



Baluchistan Beast

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depicted animal
 - 7 — of swift horses are used to run it down in capturing it
 - 13 Cylindrical
 - 14 Young bird of prey
 - 15 Irritate
 - 16 Appellations
 - 18 Note in Guido's scale
 - 19 Symbol for cobalt
 - 20 Porpous displays
 - 22 Pair (ab.)
 - 23 Symbol for calcium
 - 24 Comparative suffix
 - 26 Horse's gait
 - 28 Swarm
 - 31 Underground plant part
 - 32 Farmer
 - 33 Russian ruler
 - 34 Small island
 - 34 Vex
 - 35 Equal
 - 36 Devotees
 - 37 Registered nurse (ab.)
 - 38 And (Latin)
 - 39 Laughter sound
 - 41 Colonizes
 - 47 Symbol for thoron
 - 49 Winglike part
 - 51 Stair part
 - 52 Honey-maker
 - 53 Overpowering fright
 - 55 Horsemen
 - 57 Bristly
 - 58 Sacred songs
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Auditory
 - 2 Roman emperor
 - 3 Noah's boat
 - 4 Goddess of the earth
 - 5 Heating device
 - 6 Hindmost
 - 7 Bamboolike grass
 - 8 Facility
 - 9 Long (ab.)
 - 10 Brew made with malt
 - 11 Sharp, quick cry
 - 12 Heavenly body
 - 17 Parent
 - 20 Archetypes
 - 21 Sentinels
 - 23 Refrigerant
 - 25 Withstand
 - 26 Journey
 - 27 Flower
 - 28 Seasoning
 - 30 Very (Fr.)
 - 39 Head coverings
 - 40 On the sheltered side
 - 42 God of love
 - 43 Weary
 - 44 One key only (ab.)
 - 45 Sweet secretion
 - 46 Goddess of discord
 - 47 Tenure
 - 48 Patrimony
 - 50 Skill
 - 52 Babylonian deity
 - 54 Universal language
 - 56 District attorney (ab.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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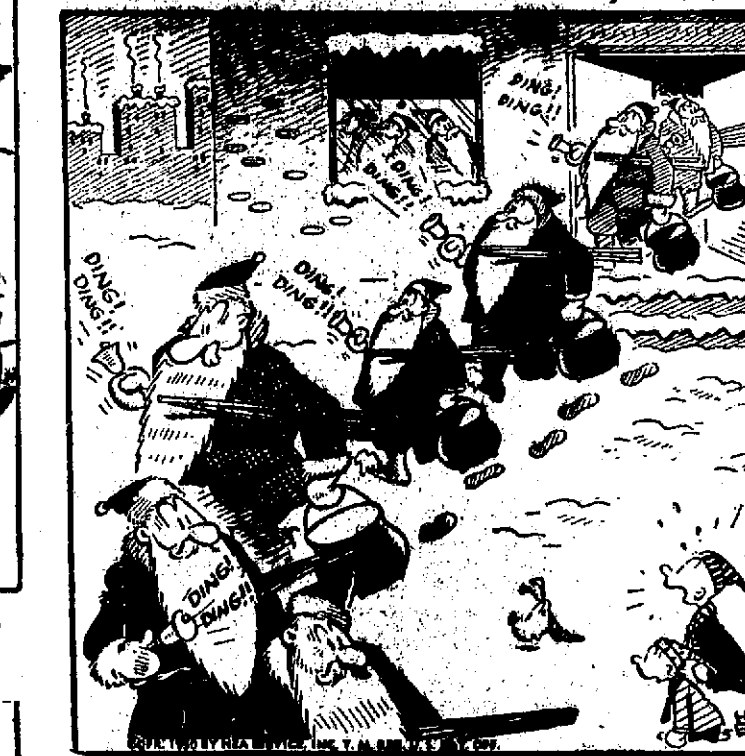
OUT OUR WAY



OUR BOARDING HOUSE



FUNNY BUSINESS

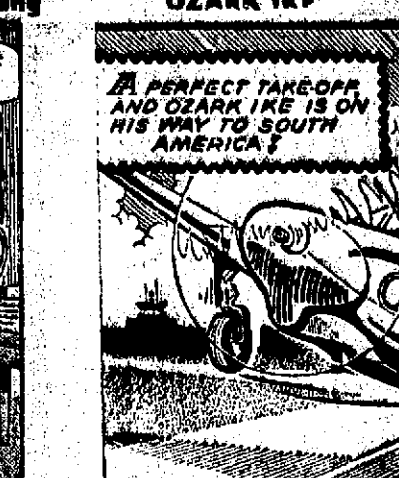


"Jeepers!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



OZARK KAT



VIC FLINT



WASH TUBS



GOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



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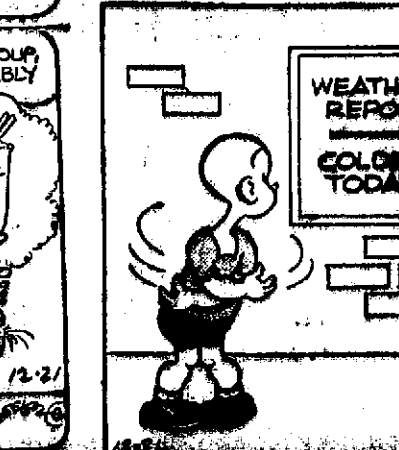
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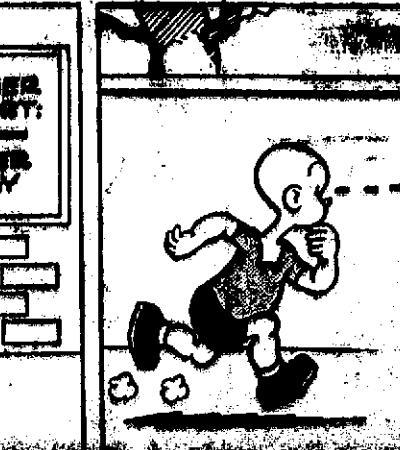
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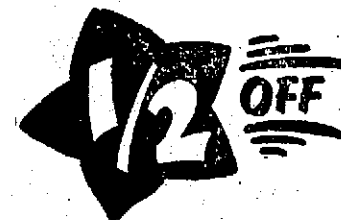
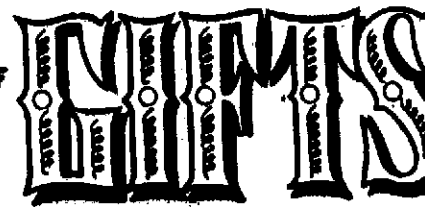
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